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Dear Dr. Pew:

I recently returned from an extended trip to Washington, to find that I had missed your visit at the beginning of July. I am most sorry that we did not have a chance to talk together while you were here since I am, as I indicated at the conference, very optimistic on the contribution that the Bayesian approach may make to the conceptual side of command and control work.

Since Ward Edwards is spending the summer here at SDC, I have been attending a seminar at his house on Bayesian methods, held weekly for RAND and SDC types. I am hoping to stimulate them in the direction of pursuing applications in a number of different fields, not only in command and control work but in intelligence, legal inference, and medical diagnosis. Edwards tells me, incidentally, that you are a dualist in a very literal sense. Have you given any thought to formalizing the problem of strategy in fencing from a Bayesian viewpoint?

I hope that we do have another chance to meet.

Yours sincerely,

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